

Optimist Club Entry Opens 'Miss Torrance' Pageant

The "Miss Torrance Beauty Contest," sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands, officially got under way this week. The first contestant to sign was Miss Nancy LaDuke, who is sponsored by the Torrance Optimist Club. Miss LaDuke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. LaDuke, 725 Pine Dr., is a senior at Torrance High School.

The contest runs through June and July and ends on the night of July 30 with a huge "Pageant" to be presented in the Civic Auditorium. Anita Aros, popular young violinist, will be present to present special musical numbers throughout the pageant. "Miss Universe of 1955," to be chosen in Long Beach in July will be guest of honor and will help crown the new "Miss Torrance." Oscar Meinhardt, executive director of the Miss Universe Beauty Pageant, will be chairman of the panel of judges for the event.

Handy Headquarters
The Flamingo Florists, across the street from the Torrance Civic Auditorium, is the general headquarters for the event this year. Any Torrance girl between the ages of 15 1/2 to 30 is eligible and can get application blanks there. Each girl must have a sponsor who pays the initial five dollars entry fee. Any industry, business house, service club, individual or other organization may sponsor a girl.

Girls will be judged at the pageant on July 30 strictly on their figure, poise, face, voice, and charm. Girls will be judged in both bathing suits and formal. The main prize for the winner will be a week-end trip to Las Vegas, via Western Air Lines, with all expenses paid. The lucky girl must take along a chaperone who will likewise get all expenses paid.

This is the third successive year that the youth band has sponsored the local "Miss Torrance" queen contest. Jack Herlis, one of the board members of the local music organization, is chairman of the contest for this year.



CROWN RACE OPENS . . . C. A. Woodcock, president-elect of the Torrance Optimist Club presents his club's candidate, Miss Nancy LaDuke, to Youth Band Director James Van Dyck to open the 1954 "Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant" which will be climaxed here with the crowning of Miss Torrance on July 30.

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Carr PTA To Hold Pink Tea Tomorrow

By ADALINE CORTEZ
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Carr Elementary PTA's answer to those who argue that PTA is only a pink tea, will be a money-making Pink Tea to be held tomorrow from 1 to 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. J. R. Allison.

This is the first venture of the new unit so get behind them.
Fish is uppermost in the minds of the Clint Beedon family, 17508 W. 175th St. Gastronomically speaking—they recently dined at fishermen's wharf at Redondo Beach. On the more physical side, Roger has been practicing his casting in the backyard prior to joining the gang on Huck Finn Day this Saturday at Alondra Park.

The Beedons, together with the Gordon Woods, Ed Collins, Dave Dyers, Paul Claytons, and John Crains, breakfasted at Torrance Park early Sunday morning.

The Bob Richters, 16914 Castmir Ave, and Peggy Ball, neighborhood chairman for Girl Scouts, are teaching the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts the intricacies of square dancing.

John and Mary Simpson, 17504 Yukon Ave., spent last week-end at Bakersfield visiting John's parents.

The Jack Whites, 4308 W. 178th St., are on their way home from a two-week trip to Kansas City, Missouri.

Mille and Ralph McBee, 17315 Atkinson Ave., together with son Michael and the Erin Wiebe children, spent Sunday at Coriganville in the Santa Ynez mountains watching a movie being filmed, riding horseback and visiting with Tonto and Crash Corrigan.

Helen and Reese Holbrook and children, 17612 Cerise Ave., are camping out in the mountains on their vacation.

Ten year old Michael Van De Vort, 2604 W. 175th St., fell off his bike and cut his chin. It took four stitches to patch him up.

The John R. Farriolas, 620 W. 175th St., are vacationing at Lake Tahoe.

Mrs. Alex Bates, 17039 Glenburn Ave., received word that her son, Leroy Downing, a student at Oklahoma University had undergone an emergency operation for appendicitis.

After spending one month with her daughter in Illinois, Mrs. Jessie Stokes, 17027 Glenburn Ave., arrived home one night only to receive word the next day that she was needed

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Norteens in Need of Help To Survive

North Torrance parents were warned this week that the Norteens, North Torrance teen-agers' club, will have to be disbanded unless more mothers and fathers volunteer their assistance and supervision.

Recreation Directors Les Brentfelt and Barbara Billings reported that membership in the club has been extended to 150 teens. They urge parents to visit the club, which meets each Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Without help from the parents, the club will have to be disbanded, the Recreation Directors announced. A "40er Days" party enlivened the last meeting of the group. Tables were set up in cafe style and customers called over the bar for "rattlesnake stingers" and "Klonidikes"—potent mixtures of Kool Aid and ginger ale.

Entertainment was provided by Sandra Shore, Gail Thomas, Philip Cosby, Tom Green and Mike Dasey, all from a local dance studio, who staged a Gay Nineties Revue.

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TRAINING PAYS . . . Paul Comon, Harbor Junior College graduate, explains the threading of a 16 mm movie projector to Mrs. Barbara Bradbury of El Nido. Comon secured his job with a Torrance Photo Shop after completing a training course in photographic science at the junior college in 1953.

Hardesty New DAV Commander

William A. Hardesty, 23021 Huber Ave., was elected Commander of the South Bay Chapter 92 of the Disabled American Veterans Friday and Tim Romero, 3010 Torrance Blvd., was elected senior vice commander. Other new officers are Emil T. Settlage, 1778 Santa Fe Ave., junior vice commander and V. U. Sarvis, Long Beach, Charles Portny, 3020 Dalemead, and R. R. Carrier, 22220 S. Halldale Ave., members of the executive committee.

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